[Mr. K. Kesavan.]

(*b*) whether the trial of any case has been conducted during vacation in the Travancore Courts at any time in the past ; and

(*c*) the reason for the trial of Mr. A. Narayana Pillai's case being conducted during vacation time itself;

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Because the High Court found it inadvisable that there should be delay in the trial of the case in the Sessions Court and that the accused should remain in jail for two months for which period the Sessions Judges were enjoying the midsummer recess.

Government balance in the shape of deposits and otherwise.

72. **MR. K. KESAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of Government balance in the shape of deposits and otherwise on the 1st Chingom 1105 ; and

(*b*) the amount of Government balance as deposits and otherwise on the 1st Mithunam 1113 ?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN: (*a*) Rs. 355·63 lakhs.

(*b*) It is not possible to furnish the information required by the member as the balances under Debt Head accounts are worked out only at the close of each year.

Rubber Restriction Scheme.

73. **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of any proposal or announcement by the Controller of the Indian Rubber Licensing Committee restricting to about 6,400 acres, the new planting area of rubber in India between 1st January 1938 to 31st December 1940 ;

(*b*) If the answer to part (*a*) be in the affirmative, whether the Government of Travancore were consulted before the above Committee or Controller came to such a conclusion ;

(*c*) whether the Government of Travancore have agreed to or approved of any such proposal ;

(*d*) whether the proposal is intended to give a monopoly to existing estate owners ;

(*e*) whether the proposal interferes with the right of opening new Rubber Plantations in Travancore ;

(*f*) whether this proposal is intended for benefiting big concerns as against other Estate or Companies which may have no reserve lands ;

(*g*) whether the area so limited by the above said Committee is to be distributed only among the planters in India who desire to extend their existing estates on their *own* lands ;

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(*h*) if the answer to part (*g*) be in the affirmative, whether the lessees, mortgagees or those who have no full proprietory interest in the land, would be affected by this proposal ;

(*i*) whether the proposed allocation will be strictly in proportion to the recognised planted area now owned by the various applicants ;

(*j*) whether any and what area has been allocated to Travancore ;

(*k*) whether any time limit or form has been prescribed by the above said committee for applications for new planting ; and

(*l*) if so, whether the same has the approval of the Government of Travancore ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : (*a*) The Government have no information, but will make the necessary enquiries to verify the statement.

(*b*) to (*l*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Trivandrum,
5th August 1938.

A. GUNAMONY.
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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